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While this is the best annual submitted in group four for 1946, it is not an outstandingly good piece of work. The printing is, in general, poorly done and the photography could be improved. More typographical errors occur than should normally be expected, a sign of careless proof-reading. The "Senior-Junior Activities" page and the title page are examples of below-average format. You seem to have a good coverage of the year's activities, but brief descriptions of each activity would add interest. Better printing and greater care would have improved this book considerably.

Superior

JUN 15 1946

Report on cost of 150 copies of *The Astorian* 1945

Cost by care
June 15. '46

Pictures by Hitchcock Studio, Danville, Va. - - - 67.00
Contract price with Townes Printing Company, Danville, Va. for engraving, printing, and binding 150 copies with same content as *The Astorian 1945* - - - 760.00
Approximate cost of six extra pages, 4 extra Kodak-page engravings and several extra groups, or individual, engravings ^{for 1946} (Bill not yet received, but will range between \$100-\$150) - 100.00
Kodak pictures made by seniors and former student from navy - - - 15.00
Approximate total cost - - - \$ 942.00

The embossed backs, which the class desired, could not be obtained as the enclosed letters will show. Also the color was to be American beauty red, but only the color obtained was available.

The money was made by advertisements (\$350.00), sale of annuals (\$500.00), and by other means; such as, plays, entertainments, sale of magazines, Christmas cards, stationery and pictures.

Editor in Chief - James Craig
Business Manager - Walter Earle
Sponsor - - - Cara H. Norvell

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Danville, Virginia

Nov. 16, 1945

Miss Clara R. Norvell
c/o Axton High School
Axton, Virginia

Dear Miss Norvell:

Attached are replies from three firms we wrote regarding padded embossed annual covers.

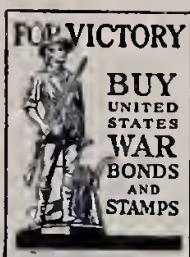
We regret the covers are not available. If you can get an annual with the covers you want from another firm, it will be satisfactory for you to cancel your order with us. We would regret not doing the work for you.

Very truly yours,

J. T. TOWNES PRINTING CO., INC.

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Danville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Flippin:

We appreciate receiving your letter of November 8 in reference to Annual covers.

We are sorry but due to the shortage of materials and labor we will not be able to take on any new cover orders this year. We suggest you contact some other source of supply just as early as possible so they can include the covers you require in their production schedule this coming year.

Sincerely yours,

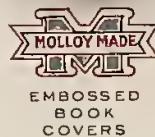
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Corner Union and Patton Sts.
Danville, Virginia

Attention: Mr. C. S. Flippin
President - Treasurer

Dear Mr. Flippin:

We acknowledge with thanks your note of November 5. We regret that we are unable to quote on your requirements due to a scarcity of materials and labor.

Thank you for writing us, we hope you will write us again at another time when we will be in a position to serve you.

Yours sincerely,

THE S. K. SMITH COMPANY

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November 7, 1945

J. T. Townes Ptg. Co., Inc.
Union & Patton Sts.
Danville, Va.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 5th.

We are not in a position to quote you on the padded embossed school annual covers, as this type of work is out of our line.

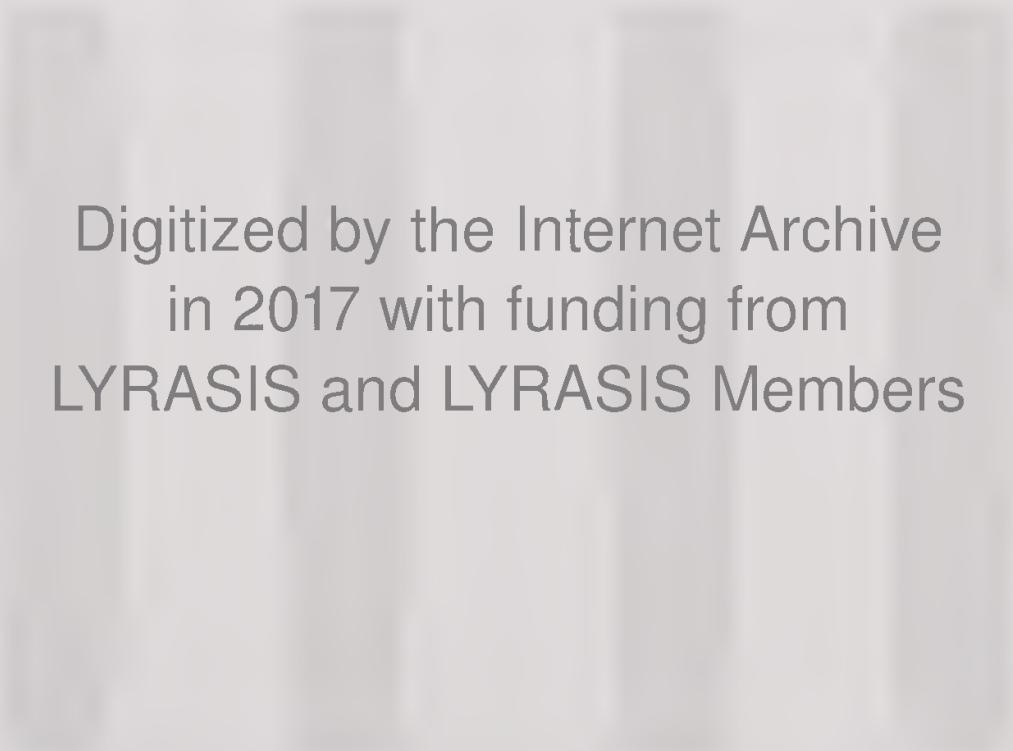
We regret that we cannot help you out.

Cordially yours,

L. H. JENKINS, INC.

[Handwritten signature of L. H. Jenkins, Inc.]
President

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Foreword

Another school year has come to a close—a year that in the future will mean precious memories of friendships, happy moments and individual achievements. We hope this little book will help each one who owns it to revive at times these memories.

“Shouldauld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?”

SENIORS—1946

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Dedication

We, the Senior Class of 1946, consider it a privilege to honor our principal, MR. H. L. SAVILLE, who for twenty years has been a leader in agriculture and country life in Henry County.

For his efficient administration, outstanding ability as an instructor and his readiness to serve both school and community, we dedicate to him *The Axtonian*.



MR. H. L. SAVILLE
Principal

B. A., Washington and Lee University;
M. A., Princeton University; Graduate
work in agriculture, Cornell University
and V. P. I.

FACULTY



MISS CLARA R. NORVELL
English and Latin
B.A., University of Virginia
Graduate Work in English,
University of Virginia



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B.S., Radford College
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Farmville, Virginia
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THE AXTONIAN STAFF

(left to right)

Standing: Elliott, Lawrence, Holland, Davis, Haley, Kendall, Barker, Wells, Norvell, Wilson, Stultz, Johnston, Eggleston, Toler, Burgess, Manning.
Seated: Dillon, Wagner, Earles, Craig, Wyatt, Clarke, Watkins.

OFFICERS

Editor-in-Chief.....	Joanne Craig
Associate.....	Pauline Wyatt
Business Manager.....	Mabel Earles
Associate.....	Clifton Wells
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Associate.....	Pauline Wyatt
Kodak Editor.....	James Wagner
Associates.....	Wilbert Haley and Gerald Wilson
Calendar Editor.....	Elizabeth Johnston
Associate.....	Ramey Burgess
Joke Editor.....	Arthur Toler
Associates.....	Sheila Burchell and Henry Eggleston
Features Editor.....	Doris Elliott
Typing Editor.....	Virginia Holland
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Sophomore Representative.....	Juanita Manning
Freshmen Representative.....	Jackie Stultz
Adviser.....	Miss Clara Norvell
Associates.....	Mrs. P. H. Barker and Miss Jean Clarke

Seniors

CLASS OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Clifton Wells
<i>Vice-President</i>	Coleman Lawrence
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	James Wagner
<i>Sponsor</i>	Miss Clara Norvell

CLASS MOTTO:

"Be the best of whatever you are"

<i>Class Colors</i>	Red and Gold
<i>Class Flower</i>	Rose
<i>Class Poem</i>	"Partings"

CLASS SONG

(Parody of "The Waltz You Saved For Me")

*These years, we have spent with you,
We'll always keep in our memory;
This year, we must say good-by,
Dear Axton High School, we'll always love you.*

*Now we are leaving our dear high school
And sailing out across life's sea,
We will remember alma mater
Wherever we may be.
Saying farewell to all our teachers
Who have been so kind and true,
We will try to remember
What we have learned from you.*

*Now we are leaving Axton High School
And our friends and classmates, too.
We will be true to alma mater
In all we say and do,
And as we go, we all will promise
That, as the years go by,
We will always remember
Our dear ole Axton Hi!*

Eleanor S. Turner
and
Joanne Craig



SHEILA BURCHELL

S.C.A. '43-'46; H.E. Club '43-'44; Victory Corps '44-'45; Softball '43-'46, Capt. '45-'46; Latin Club '45-'46; Girls' Chorus '46; Volleyball '43; Basketball '43.

In athletics Sheila stands out 'mong all,
She especially likes playing softball.
We have called her "tom boy" many a time
But we mean no harm, she acts the part fine.



RAMEY BURGESS

S.C.A. '43-'46; F.F.A. '43-'46; Softball '43-'46; Basketball '46.

Ramey is quiet and very modest too.
There's nothing for us he would fail to do.
In all our activities, in work and play,
He is ev'er ready to make progress his way.



JOANNE CRAIG

S.C.A. '43-'46; H.E. Club '43-'44, Pres. '44; Danville Fair Vice-Pres. '44-'45; Latin Club Vice-Pres. '44, Pres. '45; Dist. II Latin Tournament '44-'45; Class Sec. '45; Victory Corps '43-'45, Sec. '44, Victory Queen '44; Softball '43-'44; Basketball '45-'46, Capt. '45; V.H.L. Debate '46; Girls' Chorus Pres. '46; Valedictorian '46.

She's an attractive girl, who we call "Jo",
We can always depend on her, we know.
When called, she's every ready a service to do,
As well as to join in the fun-making, too.



LOUISE DAVIS

Transferred from Ferrum Dec. '43; H.E. Club '44; S.C.A. '44-'46; Victory Corps '44-'46; Latin Club '45-'46; Class Vice-Pres. '45; Basketball '45-'46, Capt. '46.

Louise is witty and jolly as well as fair.
A "happy-go-lucky" with ne'er a care.
She often keeps us laughing with her fun
From early morn 'till setting sun.



DOROTHY DILLON

Victory Corps '43-'45; S.C.A. '43-'46; H.E. Club '43-'44; Softball '43-'44; Latin Club '45-'46; Class Pres. '45; Volleyball Capt. '45-'46.

A very sweet girl, we all call her "Dot",
She's very sensible, we like her a lot.
She is always ready to do her bit;
Into life's schemes she will surely fit.



MABEL EARLES

Class A Pres. '43, Sec. '44; H.E. Club Sec. '43, Vice Pres. '44; V.H.L. Debate '46; Softball '43-'44; Victory Corps '43-'45; Latin Club '44-'45, Sec. '44; Dist. II Latin Tournament '44-'45; Basketball '45-'46, Capt. '46; S.C.A. '43-'46, Pres. '46; Girls' Chorus Vice Pres. '46; Salutatorian '46.

Mabel is so charming that we cannot tell
How much we like her, we like her so well.
Her cheerful presence oft sets things right
Her clear ringing laughter gives us delight.



HENRY EGGLESTON

Softball '43-'45; Baseball '44-'46; Victory Corps '43-'44; Vice-Pres. '44; S.C.A. '43-'46; F.F.A. '43-'46, Reporter '44, Conductor '45, Watch Dog '46; Class A Vice-Pres. '44.

Henry's an athlete, no doubt about that,
The baseball just flies when he is in bat.
In life's game, too, he'll likely win success
And bring his friends much joy and happiness.



DORIS ELLIOTT

Latin Club '44, H.E. Club '43-'44; S.C. A. '43-'46; Victory Corps '43-'44; Softball '43-'46; Volleyball '45; V.L.L. Debate '46.

A girl more sweet we ne'er before have known;
Doris is one who can stand on her own.
She's always so honest, ever so true,
With a beauty within like sparkling dew.



WILBERT HALEY

F.F.A. '43-'46; Sec. '44-'46; S.C.A. '43-'46;
Softball '43-'46; Basketball '45-'46.

Precious gems in small packages are found;
Thus we remark when Wilbert comes around.
He's quiet and unpretentious as can be,
But he is learning to the "nth degree".



VIRGINIA HOLLAND

Girls' Chorus '46; Softball '43-'45, Capt. '45;
Basketball '46; Latin Club '45-'46, Vice-Pres. '45;
S.C.A. '43-'46; H.E. Club '43-'44; Victory Corps
'45, Victory Queen '45; Class Pres. '44.

Our "Ginny" is lively and friendly, too;
She has golden hair and eyes of clear blue.
She is ever soft and gentle in her ways
And never lets the clouds darken her days.



ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

H.E. Club '43-'44; S.C.A. '43-'46; Victory Corps
'43-'45; Softball '43-'44; Volleyball '45-'46.

"Libby" is dark haired, gentle and kind;
Words to describe her are hard to find.
We are sure she won't mind if we just say,
"We like her very much; she is okay."



MARVIN KENDALL

Baseball '43-'46; F.F.A. '43-'46; Class Sec. '43;
Victory Corps '43-'44; V.L.L. Debate '46.

Marvin is so witty and full of fun;
Another like him, there's not a one.
He knows more stunts than the clowns e'er do,
But beneath his nonsense there's seriousness, too.



COLEMAN LAWRENCE

F.F.A. '43-'46, President '44; S.C.A. '43-'46, Vice-President '46; Baseball '43-'46; Class Vice-President '46.

He's a handsome lad, full of merry cheer
Who always blushes when the girls say, "Dear".
He has plenty of pep and honor, too;
He'll not call on others to help him through.



ARTHUR TOLER

Softball '43-'45; Baseball '46; S.C.A. '43-'46; F.F.A. '43-'46, Treasurer '46.

Arthur's a boy who has plenty of wit;
When telling his jokes, he makes them a hit.
He is mischievous and makes too much noise,
But underneath he's the finest of boys.



JAMES WAGNER

Latin Club '44-'45, Sec. '45; Basketball '43-'46, Capt. '46; Softball Capt. Team A '45; Victory Corps '43; Class B Pres. '44; S.C.A. '43-'46, Vice-Pres. '45; Danville Dist. S.C.A. Vice-Pres. '46; F.F.A. '43-'46, Pres. '46; F.F.A. Delegate Blacksburg '46; Tri-County F.F.A. Fed. Treas. '46.

His "Bing Crosby" voice and cheery grin
Are evident as soon as he comes in.
He speaks to us all as he ambles by,
So each one thinks he's a pretty fine guy.



CLIFTON WELLS

Class Pres. '46; S.C.A. '43-'46; F.F.A. '43-'46, Treas. '44, Reporter '45; Softball '43-'45; Baseball '44-'46.

We had no fear that Clifton would not pass;
He was the star of our history class.
He is tall and handsome as well as kind;
A good fellow like him is hard to find.



GERALD WILSON

Baseball '43-'46; Victory Corps '43-'44; S.C.A. '43-'46; Softball '43; F.F.A. '43-'46, Reporter '43, Vice-Pres. '46.

Gerald is quiet, always so courteous, too,
He's ever ready a service to do.
You seldom ever hear him gripe and fret,
While others grumble whene'er they are met.



PAULINE WYATT

H.E. Club '43-'44, Sec. '44; S.C.A. '43-'46; Victory Corps '43-'45; Softball '43-'44; Class B Vice-Pres. '44; Basketball '45-'46; V.H.L. Debate '46; D.A.R. Good Citizen '46.

One quieter than Pauline we ne'er have met
She is a grand sweet lass we'll not forget.
She keeps down her temper and does not complain,
And seems like the sunshine in midst of rain.

PARTINGS

So many joys we've shared together
In all our work and play,
But now our joys are torn asunder
And we must part today.
So many glad hours did confront us
In these great halls of fame.
Old Axton High is very dear to us;
We won't forget her name.

Here once we began our life's battle
But now has come the day
That we must take the parting by-roads
That lead many a way.
With sad good-byes, but fondest mem'ries,
We bid each one adieu;
We pray that God will ever keep us
Among the great and true.

DOROTHY DILLON
Poet, Class '46

T H E A X T O N I A N

SENIOR PLAY

"Don't Take My Penny"

(A Comedy in Three Acts)

AXTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Friday, December 7, 7 P. M.



CAST

Sally, a maid with a purpose.....	Virginia Holland
Norman Porter, a publicity man.....	Clifton Wells
Penny, a pretty little miss.....	Joanne Craig
Caleb, her absorbed father.....	Arthur Toler
Mark, her farm minded brother.....	Coleman Lawrence
Mavis, her attractive sister.....	Mabel Earles
Lydia, her busy mother.....	Pauline Wyatt
Joanna, her loyal girl friend.....	Doris Elliott
Kerry, her resourceful boy friend.....	James Wagner
Greg, his pal with ideas.....	Marvin Kendall
Gram, just herself	Dorothy Dillon
Monsieur Henri, French designer.....	Henry Eggleston
Claire, a model.....	Sheila Burchell
Elsie, a model.....	Elizabeth Johnson
Lucile, a model.....	Louise Davis
Red, a delivery boy.....	Wilbert Haley
Harrison Day, a young author.....	Ramey Burgess
John, the gardener.....	Gerald Wilson

Place: The living-room of the Pringle home in a small city.

Time: The present, a Saturday in late June.

SYNOPSIS

Act One: The Pringle Living-room 8:00 A. M.

Songs—Girls Chorus:

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart"
"Daisies Won't Tell"

Act Two: The same 4:00 P. M.

Songs—Girls Chorus:

"Sweetheart of All My Dreams"
"Let the Rest of the World Go By"
"White Christmas"

Act Three: The same 8:00 P. M.

Director—Miss Clara Norvell

Director of Costumes and Stage Property—Mrs. Mary Bryan

Pianist—Miss Jean Clarke

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AXTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM BACCALAUREATE SERMON Sunday, June 2, 1946, 8:00 P. M.

PROCESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION

HYMN No. 111—"O God, Our Help"

SCRIPTURE

SPECIAL—"The Lord's Prayer".....*Forsyth*
Girls' Chorus

PRAYER

HYMN No. 147—"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

SOLO—"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled".....*Speaks*
Mrs. H. C. Turner

SERMON, "Looking at Life".....*Rev. C. L. Harman*

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Monday, June 3, 1946, 8:00 P. M.

Part I

Invocation.....	Rev. W. A. Hawley
Welcome.....	James Wagner
Original Jingles.....	Dorothy Dillon
History, "The Mirror of Time".....	Pauline Wyatt
Duet, "Londonerry Air".....	arranged by Felton Mabel Earles and Joanne Craig
Who's Who in the Senior Class.....	Henry Eggleston
A Little Fun.....	Arthur Toler, Sheila Burchell, Marvin Kendall
Will.....	Ramey Burgess
Prophecy.....	Doris Elliott
Loyalty Song.....	Class
Dedication of Annual.....	Wilbert Haley
Annals Presented	Elizabeth Johnston
Gifts.....	Clifton Wells, Virginia Holland
Original Poem, "Parting".....	Dorothy Dillon
Daisy Chain Song.....	Juniors
Response.....	Seniors

Interlude

"Sleepy Hollow Tune".....	Richard Kountz
"I Heard You Go By".....	Daniel Wood
Mrs. H. C. Turner, Soprano	

Part II

Salutatory, "Teamwork"	Mabel Earles
Special—"Stars of the Summer Night".....	Woodbury
Pauline Wyatt, Mabel Earles, Louise Davis, Virginia Holland, Doris Elliott, Joanne Craig	
Announcements and Delivery of Diplomas.....	Mr. H. L. Saville
Class Song.....	Seniors
Valedictory, "Patrick Henry"	Joanne Craig

The Mirror of Time



So we, the seniors of '46 prepare to leave our Alma Mater, we pause to glance backward into the mirror of time and to record some reflections which have made history in our high school. They are vivid pictures and we see ourselves as others see us.

In the autumn of 1942, a timid but proud group of forty-two youngsters take their places in assembly with the high school groups and later in their home room with Mrs. Sacra and Miss Ward (now Mrs. O. W. Hairfield) as sponsors.

From the first home room meeting is reflected a scene of the class being organized and Bobby Stultz taking the chair as president and Edna Arrington, as secretary.

The mirror of time reflects the activities of the year. Here are the Victory Corps workers selling bonds and stamps; there are groups of boys and girls strolling in with scrap iron for the large crate outside the agricultural building. Again one group of girls in the home economics club is busy making things for display in the Danville Fair; another is working on squares for an afghan to be sent to the U. S. O., and a third is filling packages for overseas lads. At times boys of the F. F. A. group are bringing in samples of farm crops for judging contests or the fair; others are carrying home tools they have made in the shop. On the campus one catches passing glimpses of games of volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball. One activity which is reflected vividly is a banquet hall with the boys, their fathers, and Mr. Saville seated at a beautifully decorated table eating, and the home economics girls under the supervision of Miss Nutter (now Mrs. P. H. Barker) serving them.

But one sad feature this reflector records is the great changes in the freshmen's ranks. There is Ramona Barker moving to Roanoke; Bobby Stultz and Edna Arrington to Martinsville; David Barker to Miami; and Ernestine Biggs, Mary Walls, Edith Boyd, Billy McMillan, Landon Gravely, Jesse Hundley, Thomas Eaton, Robert Dickinson and Junior Nester dropping out. Some enter war work.

In compensation for so great losses, one fine boy, Clifton Wells from Brosville High, is welcomed into the group.

In the fall of 1943, twenty-eight freshmen become sophomores. Ruby Jones and Myra Turner remain freshmen. The group is in two sections. Mrs. Neil Gregory sponsors Group I, of which Virginia Holland is president, Henry Eggleston, vice-president, and Mabel Earles, secretary. Mrs. Bryan has Group II, of which James Wagner is president, Pauline Wyatt, vice-president, and Carleen Matthews, secretary.

This year history is repeating itself in club work and athletics. One impressive reflection is the May Day with Joanne Craig crowned Victory Queen on the campus. Another scene, very clear, is that of the patrons and friends of the school being served at a tea in the cottage by Mrs. Bryan and the home economics girls.

During the sophomore year, the mirror of time records only three dropping out. Aileen Joyce, Ida Martin and Robert Harris go to work, and later Robert enters the navy. Louise Davis joins the ranks from Ferrum.

In the fall of 1944, twenty-six juniors are reflected in the library choosing Dorothy Dillon president, Louise Davis vice-president, and Joanne Craig secretary. War activities are recorded one after another. The Victory Corps busies itself at one time by blacking up for a minstrel for those who had bought one dollar's worth of war stamps; at

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another time they are on the campus with colorful flags flying and Virginia Holland is being crowned Victory Queen by Mr. Saville.

A high light of the junior year occurs on an April day. There is a clear reflection of each junior drawing on a gold band with onyx setting—the 1946 class ring. He has the proud assurance that he will be a senior the next year!

But the mirror of time does not show all juniors becoming seniors. Marshall Newton enters the navy. Carleen Matthews, Gertrude and Marjorie Joyce, Gloria Wyatt, Juanita Gillispie and Magdaline Wilson go to work in the summer and do not return. Katherine Moss continues as a junior.

This year one sees reflected well organized intra-mural athletics. Every member of this class is active on some team.

The outstanding social scene is a school bus, loaded with seniors and juniors happy with laughter and song, wending its way to Fairystone Park where the juniors and their sponsor serve a delightful picnic lunch in a pavilion. After games are played by the lake with one another and the "gnats", all return home for pleasant dreams.

Alas! only twenty seniors are to be seen on the front seats of the auditorium in the fall of 1945! One of these, Clore Eggleston, soon leaves for Martinsville; and in the spring of 1946, another, Betty Jean Whitfield, quits to join the matrimonial ranks.

In the senior year there are many pictures, for World War II is over and peace-time activities are resumed. There is a play, "Don't Take My Penny", in which all seniors take part, being staged to an appreciative audience in early December. Intra-mural athletics and literary contests are frequent. Inter-school baseball is resumed in the spring. Six Seniors debate on compulsory military training, the question of the Virginia High School League; one enters the state poetry reading contest. Educational moving pictures as part of the curriculum are enjoyed.

On April 27, the District S. C. A. of which James Wagner is vice-president, is entertained by the Axton S. C. A. of which Mabel Earles is president. It is pleasant to review the visiting students enjoying the lovely Axton campus, the lunch room and attractive programs presented by the District Association. Members of class '46 are doing their part as hosts.

A party of thirteen are at University of Virginia, May 2-3. Seven of these are Axton seniors and their sponsor. They are busy with the V.H.L. contests and entertainments. Though the party brings back no championships to Axton, most of them rate *superior*.

The farewell entertainment of the juniors to the seniors one evening in May is a jolly frolic. All are gay as they drive up the winding roads bordered with blooming laurel to Fairy Stone Park. They enjoy boating and swimming until driven into the pavilion by a storm. Then wiener roasting and games occupy them until the moon comes out and they start for home.

But the most triumphant scene recorded for members of class '46 occurs when, on June 3, they extend their hand for those sheepskins won by four years of work, amidst the applause of hundreds of interested friends. Then there are partings! The mirror reflects no more. The history of class '46 is ended.

PAULINE WYATT

Historian

Who's Who in the Senior Class



KEY TO WHO'S WHO IN THE SENIOR CLASS—(1) Most intellectual: Wells, Craig. (2) Quietest: Burgess, Dillon. (3) Best Looking: Wagner, Holland. (4) Valedictorian, Craig; Salutatorian, Earles. (5) D.A.R. Good Citizen, Wyatt. (6) Wittiest: Kendall, Davis. (7) Most athletic: Lawrence, Burchell. (8) Most popular and best dressed; Lawrence, Holland. (9) Most serviceable: Wilson, Craig. (10) Best-all-round, Craig. (11) V.L.L. debaters: Wagner, Elliott, Wyatt, Craig, Earles, Kendall. (12) Best-all-round boy, Wagner.

Last Will and Testament



E, enlightened and dignified members of the Senior Class of Axton High School, located in Henry County, Virginia, being sound in mind and body, realize that our high school life is fast coming to an end and so we desire to make known our last bequests. We have received valuable benefits which will prepare us better for the battle of life; and, being unselfish by nature, we, therefore, will and bequeath our most valuable treasures and possessions, enumerated below, to those most deserving to receive them.

To our principal, we leave our sincere appreciation, deepest respect, loyalty and an eternal memory picture of us as we appear when receiving our diplomas.

To our beloved sponsor, Miss Norvell, we leave the friendship of the entire class and a screened-in volleyball court, so softball won't interfere with the games she coaches.

To Mrs. Barker, a permanent library assistant to take over when she is out.

To Miss Clarke, a new 1946 book on the drawing of cartoons and a larger bulletin board to put them on.

To Miss Lumsden, a nice big wastebasket like the one in the senior room.

To Mrs. O. W. Hairfield, a correspondence course in piano, so that she may keep on with her "hit parade" programs next year.

To Mrs. Bryan, a traveling grocery store, so she will not need to overload her car when shopping for the cafeteria.

To the junior class, we will the privilege of being the next successful senior class of Axton High.

To the sophomores, we leave our dignified ways and studious habits that they may become experienced upper classmen.

To the freshmen, we will the happy and tolerant attitudes of the senior class, as we think they may need them to surmount the difficulties of their future years in high school.

Our individual bequests are as follows:

I, Mabel Earles, leave to Norman Cassada the largest desk in the senior room in order that he may have room for his feet. I, Louise Davis, leave some of my extra weight to Peggy Billings. I, Wilbert Haley, will my bashful ways to George Barker and Mack McDaniel. I, Dorothy Dillon, leave my talents in writing poetry to Gertrude Watkins. I, Arthur Toler, leave my policy of "getting by without labor" to L. C. Hankins. I, Marvin Kendall, leave my flirting habits to Ralph Wright and Charles Manning. I, Elizabeth Johnston, leave Martha Holland a large alarm clock, so she can meet the bus on time. I, Doris Elliott, leave Beatrice Burnette one thousand sheets of stationery on which to continue writing her many boy friends. I, Ramey Burgess, leave my quietness to Melvin Jones, so that he can calm down and study when he becomes a senior. I, Clifton Wells, leave some of my mental gifts to Billy Lawrence and Jasper Hankins as they may need them on exams next year. I, Pauline Wyatt, leave to Evelyn Hall a four-leaf clover to bring her good luck at Mount Airy. I, Joanne Craig, leave Charlie Agee a brand new car with the hopes it will get better treatment than "Little Willie" has had. I, Henry Eggleston, leave Mae Ashby a seventh grade boy friend. I, Virginia Holland, leave my good disposition to Cleo Martin. I, Louise Davis, leave Mildred Holland the cast off my sprained ankle. It may be needed if she plays strenuous basketball next year. I, Sheila Burchell, leave my "tom boy" clothes to Katherine Moss. I, James Wagner, leave Dillard Gravely my weakness for brunettes and pretty automobiles. I, Gerald Wilson, leave my mechanical habits to Julian Compton and Cyrial Ray Jones. I, Coleman Lawrence, leave to Lyne Starling my popularity with the ladies.

We, the senior class of 1946, do charge the junior class to faithfully execute this last will and testament, which is to become effective on the night of our graduation.

Signed,

Witnesses:

Besse N. Barker
Jean Clarke
Mary Bryan
May 1, 1946.

RAMEY BURGESS
Testator.

The Prophecy of the Class of 1946

Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland
May 21, 1956

Dear Miss Norvell,

You will probably be surprised to hear from me. It's been a very long time (ten years to be exact) since I have seen or heard from you. I suppose you know by now that I am a technician in Johns Hopkins Hospital. I thoroughly enjoy my profession.

I am sorry you were unable to attend the most wonderful celebration that I have ever attended—the reunion of the class of 1946! I am certain that you'll be interested in hearing some of the high spots of it, so here goes!

When I received my invitation I hurriedly packed and left for Axton. I had no trouble getting reservations on the south-bound plane since Ramey Burgess owns the Southern Airlines. I was very happy to have Louise Davis as my airline hostess. She was most cordial to me. She also stopped off in Axton.

As soon as our plane arrived in Axton, Louise and I made reservations at the New Avalon Hotel which is owned by Coleman Lawrence. It is really a lovely place. The interior decorations were done by our former Joanne Craig. She was there to welcome us. After finishing at Madison College she married, and now lives in a lovely country estate near Axton.

We were delighted to find we had time to visit dear old Axton High during school hours. It has greatly improved since our school days. There is a wonderful new building with a huge gymnasium, recreation rooms and an auditorium. It faces the old Mountain Valley road which is now a paved street.

It was with great pleasure we found Marvin Kendall one of the mathematic teachers. While Louise and I discussed the rapid growth of the school with him, we were very happy to learn that the need of physical education had grown so that Sheila Burchell had been obtained as instructor. Her athletic ability has become useful. She was explaining the process of a game of softball by blackboard drawing as we passed through the gymnasium.

We waited until classes were over so Marvin and Sheila could walk with us to the hotel. As we proceeded along Main Street, we met two of our classmates, Pauline Wyatt, who is an English teacher at Patrick Henry High School, and Elizabeth Johnston, who is a secretary to a business firm in Martinsville. They were window shopping with two good looking gentlemen in front of the big department store of Arthur Toler. Arthur came out and joined us.

After having a lengthy conversation with those fine friends, we rushed on to the hotel to get ready for the great affair. The reunion was in one of the parlors and the dining room of the hotel, which were brilliant with gorgeous floral decorations and glistening chandeliers.

In the receiving line were the class officers of 1946 and the president of the alumni association, Pauline Wyatt.

While watching the guests arrive, we practically strained our necks to see those classmates whom we had not seen for such a long time, but they soon arrived with faces shining with expectancy.

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Clifton Wells, escorted by Arthur Toler, was among the first to come. Clifton wore his major's uniform as he has served in Germany with the occupational troops for nine years. Major Wells is remaining in the army two years longer.

Henry Eggleston was seen on the threshold enjoying his old chums. He is an agriculturist and has a warehouse, a fine home and a prosperous family of five near Axton.

Dorothy Dillon was there with a beaming face. She has just returned from Africa, where she has been a missionary the past five years. She finished Averett and the University of Richmond before going across.

Wilbert Haley and Gerald Wilson came in with their wives. They now operate jointly an up-to-date barber shop and beauty parlor in Axton. I understand they have made good. Both married Henry County girls. Wilbert's wife is two feet taller than he, and our tall Gerald's wife is a tiny woman. Opposites often attract.

Virginia Holland, who finally won the title of Radio Star, sang for us as the guests were arriving. I imagine you have heard her sing quite often on the "Hit Parade". Though she goes under her maiden name over the radio, she is married to her boy friend of high school days. Do you remember his name?

Dr. James Wagner was toast master. He is now the chief doctor on the staff of the General Hospital in Martinsville. He graduated from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1954.

Mabel Earles came in with Dr. Wagner. She is his head nurse, and it is rumored she is the power behind the throne in the hospital as she practically runs it.

Coleman Lawrence was very busy trying to show everyone a good time. He had a lady by his side whom he introduced as his fiancee. She is a very sweet and beautiful brunette.

The five course dinner interspersed by music, toasts and gayety was all that could be anticipated. Every face glowed with the fun. After dinner the orchestra and dancing were enjoyed.

I am not too anxious to tell you just how late (or should I say early) it was when we finally closed the curtain on a perfect night with our old friends.

The only fault I could discover was—you'll never guess—you, the backbone of our class, were absent. I sincerely hope that you will not disappoint us at the next glorious reunion of one of the most ideal classes in the history of Axton High School—the class of 1946. Thanks for the excellent services that you rendered each of us and may I wish for you a very prosperous future!

Yours sincerely,

DORIS ELLIOTT



Teamwork

WE, the seniors, are happy because we are the first class for five years who have felt the glory of peace in our country. The noise of battle no longer dins our ears. Our nation should be happy because of this. A prayer of thankfulness should go out from every soul. America should be ready in every way to present a united front to advance peace in our land as we have teamed together for war.

But even as I make these remarks, Kipling's *Recessional* arises in my thoughts. I hear resounding in my ears those memorable words:

"Let God of Host be with us yet,
Lest we forget; lest we forget!"

And I ask myself: are we not forgetting as the "tumult and shouting" over victory dies?

Already we hear of prejudices, which were laid aside during war, being picked up again. Strikes have spread abroad; inter-group hatred exists; a fight for higher prices is being pushed. Such things slow up teamwork and kill the democratic spirit. They must go!

If 600 scientists working together could produce the atomic bomb, why cannot we have the same teamwork by as many scientists to destroy this greed, these rivalries and jealousies, which are undermining peace on our home front?

While specialists work on the great struggles going on in our nation, cannot we people here tonight through our radios, movies, churches, schools and civic organizations be doing much to eliminate the factors that destroy our peace? We can get the people of the community to team together for our mutual good in constructive work. We must continue our economy of the war period! We must contribute to the development of enlightened citizenship which will be ready for the needs of today and tomorrow!

Unselfish cooperation is on the tongues of statesmen, industrialists, educators and churchmen. Cooperative work could prevent another crash such as that in 1932. Teamwork is the key that will unlock the doors that keep the people of the world apart. The nations of the world, if mutually joined together, can cope with any conflicts that may arise. Benjamin Franklin said, "United we stand, divided we fall." This statement holds true for the world today.

This brings to my mind McCarthy's poem, which symbolizes our land:

"This is the land where hate should die;
No feuds of faith—no spleen of race,
No darkly brooding fear should try
Beneath our flag to find a place.

Lo! every people here has sent
Its sons to answer freedom's call;
Their lifeblood is the strong cement
That builds and binds our nation's wall."

What could be a better example of teamwork than that of the recent war? It was won by those who worked together for the good of the whole. World affairs may be compared to a football game. One person cannot win the game; through cooperation of all and the perfect coordination of limbs is the victory won. Had Germany known that the world would ally itself against her, she would never have allowed Hitler to go as far as he did in 1935 when he marched into the Rhineland. But, on the other hand, if the nations of the world had united to tell Hitler "No!" then, he would have been forced to retreat in 1935—not in 1945. But they did not!

The U. N. O. now has a membership of 51 nations—78.6% of the more than two billion people of the world now belong to the United Nations. The hoped-for operation of a world wide collective security alliance is about to be realized. Such an organization allied against a would-be aggressor will make that aggressor pause.

This international relationship must not be severed but preserved. Through cooperation and God's guidance, we can remain on friendly terms and trade peaceably with

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other countries. In his recent welcome of the U. N. O. to the United States, Secretary of State Byrnes said, "There can be no home for the United Nations unless the United Nations remain united." But united we must not forget to put our trust in higher power. Paul Antonia, the mechanic who made the new steel ballot box for the U. N. O. startled the counsel with his vote left in it, "May God be with every member of the U. N. O.!"

Scientists who secretly perfected the atomic energy worked together. The atomic bomb is here to stay, but are we? "To be or not to be, that is the question" as Hamlet said in Shakespeare's famous play. Soon all nations will know the secret of atomic energy. The bomb alone is harmless, but in the hands of a nation not friendly toward others, it could destroy the world. The United States wants to turn this miraculous power into energy for the welfare, not the destruction, of mankind. By so doing, it can be made a decisive influence for peace. Through the U. N. O. all must be brought to this same purpose. Only through teamwork can we achieve this goal. There must be complete understanding and fellowship with the rest of the world.

What Abraham Lincoln once said for this nation now applies well to every nation of the world:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

MABEL EARLES,
Salutatorian

A LITTLE FUN IN AXTON HIGH

Miss Norvell (at P.T.A.): I'm glad to see such a dense crowd here tonight.

Voice (from the back): Don't get too pleased. We aren't all dense.

Coleman: You mean you took your girl out and only spent two dollars on her.

Marvin: Well, that was all she had.

Miss Lumsden: Every day we breathe oxygen. What do we breathe at night, George?

George: Night-rogen.

Arthur: This food isn't fit for a pig to eat. Cafeteria lady: Then don't eat it, sir.

Jack: Can you take a joke?

Virginia: Oh, Jack. Please don't propose.

Tom Barker: Do you know the difference between taxis and trolleys?

Katherine Moss: No.

Tom: Good—then we'll take a trolley

Billy: Since I met you I can't sleep, I can't eat, I can't drink.

Doris Elliott: Why not?

Billy: I'm broke.

Mrs. O. W. Hairfield: If a number of cattle is called a herd and a number of sheep is called a flock, what would you call a number of camels?

Suzanne: A carton.

Gerald: Does the moon affect the tide?

Mary: No, only the untied.

Don't worry if your grades are small, and your rewards are few.

Remember that the mighty oak was once a nut like you.

Mae Ashby: I seldom think of my audience when I'm singing.

Margie Grant: But you ought to have some consideration for them, Mae.

Miss Clark: You know you shouldn't laugh in the classroom.

Arthur: I know, Miss Clark. I was only smiling and the smile burst.

Mr. Jones: I'm ashamed of you, my son. When George Washington was your age, he was a successful surveyor with a reputation for industry.

Melvin: When he was your age, father, he was president.

Miss Norvell: Mack, what are your favorite flowers?

Mack: Chrysanthemums.

Miss Norvell: Spell *chrysanthemums*.

Mack: I've changed my mind, Miss Norvell, roses are my favorite.

Officer (to Miss Clarke for driving under a red light): Please appear in court Monday.

Miss Clarke: But Officer, I teach school and cannot appear in court on Monday.

Officer: So you're a school teacher! Sit down and write "I must not drive under red lights" five hundred times.

Patrick Henry

 OT very far from Axton High School stands a monument in memory of a man who is an inspiration to any one of the 1946 graduates. That monument is in honor of PATRICK HENRY, who lived in the midst of our Henry County forefathers for about four years. Our local D.A.R. organization placed this monument there because the first governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at the age of 44, wished to withdraw from public life at end of his third term and live in this county which perpetuates his name.

We naturally are interested in the life of a man so distinguished, who left his imprint and name on Henry County. Patrick Henry was born in Hanover County, Virginia, May 29, 1736, son of John Henry of Scotch ancestry, a man of affairs in Hanover County. Patrick Henry's mother was of Welsh descent, from whom it is said he inherited his gift of oratory. As a boy, Patrick was sent to a common English school until he was ten. Then he was tutored by his father until he was fifteen. He was taught the ancient languages, mathematics, and was well versed in both ancient and modern history. He enjoyed laziness and the company of hunters and fishermen. He loved music and played both the flute and fiddle. His free-going life developed the fiercely independent spirit which he inherited from his Scotch ancestors.

Henry began work in Hanover County as a storekeeper, in which he was a financial failure, but he laid the basis of knowledge of men, which later made him a success. He married Sarah Shelton when he was only 18. His parents gave the young couple a small farm and a few slaves, but the young farmer, without markets for his farm products, found himself again in adverse circumstances. After the loss of his home by fire, he sold his farm to pay his debts.

For six years he tried various employment, but he did not find his work. When all other experiments failed, he decided to study law. His method of studying law was by reading. During a short period, some say six weeks, others six months, he read "Coke on Littlejohn", in order to have the knowledge of land law. He secured a license to practice law but not because of his knowledge of law, which was scant, but because he was an "infallible born lawyer".

He leaped into fame when he argued and won the Parsons' Case which involved the principle of taxation without representation. It is said that the fiery words he spoke in this case were the sparks that started the American Revolution.

Patrick Henry's father was a member of the court before which Patrick Henry appeared. When the son arose to speak, the father hung his head in shame because his son was so awkward. But before Patrick Henry finished his speech, tears of pride and joy rolled down the cheeks of the father!

After this celebrated Parsons' Case, Henry became well-known as a leading lawyer of colonial days.

In a speech to the House of Burgesses in 1765 in which he introduced resolutions on the Stamp Act that the British were imposing on the colonies, he uttered, "Caesar had his Brutus, Charles the First his Cromwell, and George the Third....." "Treason, treason!" was shouted through the assembly room. The orator glanced at the angry and excited burgesses and continued, "George the Third may profit by their example. If this be treason, make the most of it!" The resolutions were passed.

Henry was opposed to all the acts that Great Britain imposed on the American citizens because the colonists were not represented in Parliament.

He became a power in America. At the First Continental Congress, he made the opening speech in which he said, "I am not a Virginian, but an American."

In March, 1775, the Virginia Assembly met in Richmond at St. John's Church. In his speech to the assembly, Patrick Henry gave the American nation its cry for freedom when he said, "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

He was a member of the Second Continental Congress which met in May, 1775, at Philadelphia. This year his wife died and Martha, wife of Col. John Fontaine took charge of her father's home, "Scotchtown", in Hanover County.

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Within a short time, the Revolutionary War began. Patrick Henry was made commander of Virginia's forces, but he was needed more in the councils of men than on the fields of battle.

In 1776, he was elected the first governor of Virginia, re-elected the following year, and appointed by the legislature in 1778 for a third year.

While governor in 1777, he married a second wife, Dorothea Dandridge. After he had served as governor of Virginia and had become familiar with all the lands of the domain, in 1778, he bought large tracks of land in Henry County from Lomax and Company. His many land transactions are on the records in the clerk's office of this county in Martinsville. In deed book 2, page 356, it is stated that he bought of John and Suzanna Minter 240 acres of land lying on Leatherwood Creek in Henry County.

Patrick Henry's young wife learned what pioneering meant when Henry left Williamsburg at the end of his third term as governor and migrated to Henry County. Accompanying them were his son-in-law, Col. John Fontaine and family. We can imagine the picturesque movement of this covered wagon and slaves into this section which was a wild country. Some historians think that sentimental reasons attracted Patrick Henry into Henry County. In 1776 it had been set off from Pittsylvania and named in his honor. This attractive section filled with rivers, streams and forest brought back to Henry the wild hunts of boyhood. He delighted in this wilderness where he could fish and hunt. Here he built a home which he called "Leatherwood", about nine miles from the court house in Martinsville on Leatherwood Creek, which flows south into the Smith River and thence into the Dan.

In accordance with his will, a vast tract of his Leatherwood lands was sold after his death to George Hairston. For many years Jesse Wooten, Sheriff of Henry County lived on the five-hundred acre home place. It was owned for awhile by the late James Barker who sold it to W. A. Holland of Danville, from whom Mr. S. H. Hooker, the present owner bought it. The only remnant of the buildings which Patrick Henry constructed there is an outhouse, which has been restored by Mr. Hooker. Patrick Henry lived for four years on this plantation which adjoins the farm on which I now live.

Evidently this American patriot's fiery blood was too hot for farming because during the time he lived here he served as leader of Assembly in 1780; and in 1785, he answered the call from his farm to serve his fourth one-year term as governor of Virginia. When Patrick Henry left this county for Richmond, he did not return as a resident. He left his son-in-law and daughter, Col. John and Martha Fontaine in charge of his home, "Leatherwood".

He continued as governor of Virginia to the fall of 1786 serving a fifth term but refused a sixth term.

He was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention which met in Philadelphia in 1787, but he refused to sign the constitution because he thought it gave the central government too much power. His opposition brought about the ten amendments of 1791 which constitutes our Bill of Rights.

Henry lived in several counties of Virginia for short periods. He seemed to enjoy migrating from one section to another. Finally, in 1794, he built a home on a bluff overlooking the Roanoke River in Charlotte County, Virginia. This home he called "Red Hill", from the red-brown soil of that section. Here he spent most of his last days.

The last year of his life, 1799, he was elected to the Virginia Assembly, but he died before this body met.

Recently, I saw the graves of Patrick Henry and his wife Dorothea at "Red Hill" over which marble slabs rest. His residence, which was originally a short distance from the tomb, was destroyed by fire a few years ago, but his law office still stands. The last descendant of Patrick Henry to live at "Red Hill" was his great-grand-daughter, Mrs. Lucy Gray Garrison, who died a year or two ago.

Henry County before 1791 included both Patrick and Henry Counties. The part that was nearest the Blue Ridge in 1791 became the county of Patrick from Henry's first name. These two counties were the first two in Virginia to be named after native citizens.

The Patrick Henry Chapter of D.A.R. some time ago placed a portrait of Patrick Henry in our courthouse in Martinsville which was painted by G. E. Schlueter, a Henry Countian, who copied it from other portraits of Patrick Henry. Emmett and Mary Mor-

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ton Fontaine, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fontaine of Martinsville, unveiled the portrait. They are direct descendants of Patrick Henry, their father being Patrick Henry's great, great, great, great, grandson.

Henry County citizens are proud that one of Patrick Henry's many Virginia homes was once here. The D.A.R. had quite a celebration in 1922 unveiling the monument honoring Patrick Henry, which is located on the old Danville-Martinsville road, route 620, a few miles west of Axton, near Carlisle. Mr. Hooker, who now owns "Leatherwood" gave the tract of land for the monument; the slab was presented by the late Mrs. C. B. Keesee, and the plaque with the inscription, by the D.A.R.. The plaque disappeared, in some way, from the monument a number of years ago. John and Nancy Fontaine, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fontaine unveiled the monument. Dr. Kate Waller Barrow, celebrated woman suffragist, made a speech at this celebration.

There is now a movement on the part of the federal government to acquire the Patrick Henry "Red Hill" farm in Charlotte County as a public park, and to restore his grave, rebuild his home, and to see that proper monuments honor Patrick Henry in his native state. Of course, when called upon in the spring, we young people of Henry County did our part in contributing to this Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation.

His largest service to his day and generation was that he aroused in the colonists a love for liberty. This love of liberty is a part of the heritage of the young citizens of Henry County who have graduated tonight. We shall carry this with us and glory in the fact, as we bid you farewell, that such patriots as Patrick Henry have preserved for us for more than one and one-half centuries this "Land of the free and home of the brave."

Farewell—

JOANNE CRAIG
Valedictorian

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Acknowledgement is also made for information from the following Henry County citizens:

Honorable John R. Smith

Mrs. R. A. Fontaine

Mr. S. H. Hooker

A LITTLE FUN IN AXTON HIGH

Mrs. Barker: Who can name one important thing we have now that we did not have a hundred years ago?

Carl Eggleston: Me.

Bobby: I tore my expensive handkerchief yesterday.

Willard: That must have been quite a blow.

Henry: What is the noblest kind of dog?

Wilbert: I give up.

Henry: The hot dog. It not only don't bite the hand that feeds it. It feeds the hand that bites it.

Mrs. Bryan: Pauline, what does HNO_3 signify?
Pauline: Well, ah, er—I've got it right on the end of my tongue.

Mrs. Bryan: Well, you'd better spit it out. It's nitric acid.

Miss Norvell: When was Rome built, Irena?

Irena: At night.

Miss Norvell: Who told you that?

Irena: You did. You said Rome wasn't built in a day.

Miss Norvell: Why are you late for English again, Gene?

Gene: You started class before I got here!

Faye: Do you believe that Washington really threw a dollar across the Rappahannock?

Rosie: I don't know. I heard he pitched his camp across the Delaware.

Clifton Wells (to Ramey Burgess running the campus): What's the hurry?

Ramey: I'm trying to stop a fight.

Clifton: Who's fighting?

Ramey: Me and another guy.

Senior-Junior Activities



KEY TO SENIOR-JUNIOR ACTIVITIES—(1) Mrs. Bryan supervising soap making and distillation of water in chemistry. (2) Mrs. Turner rehearsing choral club. (3) Biology students classifying animals. (4) Seniors ready to welcome visiting delegates to District S. C. A. (5) First scene of Senior Play, "Don't Take My Penny". (6) Scene in library. (7) Busy workers: Agee, Wagner and Wells. (8) Davis doing her "daily dozen".

Juniors



OFFICERS

President.....	Gertrude Watkins
Vice-President.....	Mae Ashby
Secretary.....	Melvin Jones
Sponsor.....	Mrs. P. H. Barker

Motto: "They can who think they can"

Colors: Red and White

Class Flower: Peony



JUNIOR'S DAISY CHAIN SONG TO SENIORS

Seniors we bring to you
This daisy chain so lovely.
It shows our thoughts so true
Though our hearts are heavy.

When you're gone from within our midst
We'll always cherish your friendliness;
We hope you won't forget
Your friends with the daisy chain.

JUNIOR GIRLS



RESPONSE OF SENIORS

Dear juniors, we thank you
For all that you have done,
And we'll cherish your memory,
Yes, each and every one.

So here among the daisies
We leave this wish with you;
Good luck to you always,
For you have been so true.

DOROTHY DILLON



CHARLIE AGEE
"Bunyan"



ANNA MAE ASHBY
"Marge"



GEORGE BARKER
"Gismo"



PEGGY BILLINGS
"Peg"



BEATRICE BURNETTE
"Bee"



NORMAN CASSADA
"Hoppy"



JULIAN COMPTON
"Crip"



DILLARD GRAVELY
"Pedro"



EVELYN HALL
"Ebbie"



JASPER HANKINS
"Jasbo"



L. C. HANKINS
"Oscar"



MARTHA HOLLAND
"Muichy"



MILDRED HOLLAND
"Mickey"



CYRIAL RAY JONES
"Ray"



MELVIN JONES
"Smoky"



BILLY LAWRENCE
"Jelly Roll"



CHARLES MANNING
"Bud"



CLEO MARTIN
"Click"



MACK COY McDANIEL
"Mike"



KATHERINE MOSS
"Butch"



LYNE STARLING
"Tiger"



GERTRUDE WATKINS
"Peck"



RALPH WRIGHT
"Rufus"

**Other Organizations
and
Activities**

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SOPHOMORE CLASS

President.....	Juanita Manning
Vice-President.....	Cecil Carter
Secretary and Treasurer.....	Irena Barrow
Sponsor.....	Mrs. Mary Bryan

Motto: "To thine own best self be true"

Class Colors: Blue and Gold

Class Flower: Blue Sweetpea

CLASS ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Mary Bryan, Mary Riddle, Dale Matthews, Ted Compton, Carl Eggleston,
R. J. Barker, Levi Barker

Second Row: Maude Brown, Irena Barrow, Cecil Carter, Juanita Manning, Rosie
Burnette, Alice Eggleston, Mildred Sawyers, Roberta McMillan, Gene Gravely

Bottom Row: Beatrice Wingfield, Eloise Barker, Isabel Wray, Marie Wilson, Doreda
Gillispie, Jewel Patterson, Faye Wyatt

Absent: Raymond Elliott



FRESHMAN CLASS

President.....	Jack Stultz
Vice-President.....	Iris McGuire
Secretary.....	Jean Ashby
Treasurer.....	Morris Wilson
Sponsors.....	Miss Jean Clarke (left) Mrs. O. W. Hairfield (right)

Class Motto: "To make each year better"

Class Colors: Green and White

Class Flowers: White Rose

CLASS ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Ted Pendleton, Lionel Woodall, Van Wells, Herman Wilson, J. M. Gilley, Tony Burton, Aubrey Cole, Jack Stultz, Morris Wilson

Second Row: Louise Gregory, Dorothy Newton, Genevieve Crowder, Jean Ashby, Peggy Jefferson, Iris McGuire, Theo Robertson

Third Row: Doris Compton, Louise Overton, Sallie Slaughter, Betty Frances Scarce, Suzanne Starling, Lucille Overton, Lona Ann McDaniel, Mary Carter

Bottom Row: Georgie Hankins, Aileen McNeeley, Gertrude Wishon



HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

President.....	Juanita Manning
Vice-President.....	Suzanne Starling
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Irena Barrow
Sponsor.....	Mrs. Mary Bryan

Motto: "Toward new horizons"

Club Colors: Red and White

Club Flower: Rose

CLASS ROLL (left to right)

Standing: Gene Ashby, Louise Gregory, Sallie M. Slaughter, Mary Bryan, Dorothy Newton, Roberta McMillan, Mary Riddle, Alice Eggleston, Maude Brown, Isabel Wray, Dale Matthews, Marie Wilson, Eloise Barker, Lona McDaniel, Jewel Patterson, Iris McGuire, Faye Wyatt, Betty Scarce, Doreda Gillispie, Theo Robertson, Mildred Sawyers

Sitting: Gertrude Wishon, Georgie Hankins, Doris Compton, Beatrice Burnette, Juanita Manning, Suzanne Starling, Irena Barrow, Rosa Burnette, Louise Overton, Aileen McNeeley, Genevieve Crowder, Lucille Overton, Peggy Jefferson, Mary Carter

Activities of Home Economics and Agriculture



ACTIVITIES OF H.E. AND AGRICULTURE—(1) Ashby, Hodges, Jefferson and Scearce (at table), Crowder (serving). (2) Mrs. Bryan supervising cooks, McDaniel and Compton. (3) Home nursing: Wyatt, Riddle, Gillispie, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Honaker (R. C. nurse), McMillan and Sawyers. (4) Wray and Barrow, sewing. (5 & 6) Eggleston taking hem for Matthews and reflection of same. (7) Mr. Saville teaching agriculture by movie. (8) Judging corn. (9) H. and M. Wilson busy in shop.

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President.....	James Wagner
Vice-President.....	Gerald Wilson
Secretary.....	Wilbert Haley
Treasurer.....	Arthur Toler
Reporter.....	Melvin Jones
Adviser	Mr. H. L. Saville

(left to right)

Back Row (Standing) : Lyne Starling, George Barker, Charlie Agee, Billy Lawrence, Charles Manning, James Wagner, Arthur Toler, H. L. Saville, Gerald Wilson, Clifton Wells, J. M. Gilley

Second Row (Standing) : Lionel Woodall, L. C. Hankins, Marvin Kendall, Coleman Lawrence, Norman Cassada, Ramey Burgess, Wilbert Haley, Raymond Elliott, Henry Eggleston, Ted Compton, Herman Wilson

Holding Pennant: R. J. Barker, Levi Barker, Ted Pendleton, Bobby Stultz

Third Row (Sitting) : Aubrey Cole, Gene Gravely, Dillard Gravely, Melvin Jones, Mack McDaniel, Jasper Hankins

Bottom Row (Sitting) : Julian Compton, Ray Jones, Tony Burton, Ralph Wright, Cecil Carter, Morris Wilson, Van Wells, Carl Eggleston

The Axton Future Farmers of America won fourth prize in the Danville Fair exhibits in October. At the Tri-County meeting, held at Axton April 25, the Axton F.F.A. boys won the degree team contest, and James Wagner, in the oratorical contest, won the district cup and first prize.

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SCENES IN A. H. S.

The upper group are in the cafeteria at lunch from 11:45 to 12:15.

The lower group are in the shop with their agriculture instructor, Mr. H. L. Saville. They are (left to right) Ramey Burgess, Marvin Kendall, Wilbert Haley, Henry Eggleston, Clifton Wells, Mr. Saville, James Wagner and Coleman Lawrence.

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GIRLS' CHORUS

Director.....	Mrs. Clay Turner (left)
President.....	Joanne Craig
Vice-President.....	Mabel Earles
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Mary Carter
Librarian.....	Margie Grant

Motto: "Let melody ring"

(left to right)

Top Row: Sheila Burchell, Gertrude Watkins

Second Row: Mabel Earles, Virginia Holland, Martha Holland, Peggy Jefferson, Margie Grant

Third Row: Joanne Craig, Betty Frances Scarce, Jean Ashby, Iris McGuire, Mary Carter

Bottom Row: Suzanne Starling, Lona Ann McDaniel, Louise Gregory



LATIN CLUB

President.....	Virginia Holland
Vice-President.....	Louise Davis
Secretary.....	Evelyn Hall
Vice-Secretary.....	Roberta McMillan
Sponsor.....	Miss Clara Norvell

Motto: "Labor omnia vincit"

MEMBERS (left to right)

Standing: Irena Barrow, Isabel Wray, Marie Wilson, Roberta McMillan, Clara Norvell, Martha Holland, Evelyn Hall, Rosie Burnette, Virginia Holland, Sheila Burchell, Dorothy Dillon

Sitting: Louise Davis, Cleo Martin, Juanita Manning

AXTON CHAMPIONS OF VIRGINIA CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

1941—Cecil Wright and Ollie Minter (Winners State Pins for first places and District II plaque)

1942—Derah Rigney and Fred Wheeler (Winners District II plaque)

1943—Derah Rigney, Anne Starling, and Gladys Talbert (Winners District II plaque)

1944—Gladys Talbert, Anne Starling, Mabel Earles, Joanne Craig (Winners District II plaque)

1945—Mabel Earles, Joanne Craig, Peggy Billings, Martha Holland (Winners of second place in District II)

1946—Peggy Billings, Isabel Wray, and Roberta McMillan (Local winners)

A. H. S. Student Cooperative Association

OFFICERS

President.....	Mabel Earles
Vice-President.....	Coleman Lawrence
Secretary and Treasurer.....	Charlie Agee
Sponsor.....	Miss Clara Norvell

The Student Cooperative Association acts as a clearing house type of organization for all activities of Axton High School. It has five aims: citizenship, cooperation, health, recreation, and self-improvement. These aims are to be reached by the sub-organizations of the school working together. The main organization has at least eight meetings throughout the year, during which, besides the business for promotion of the various activities, there are literary programs, including debate, oratory, drama, readings, and song, through which the aims of Virginia Literary League may function. The S. C. A. operates through the various organizations included in this annual. In the fall, objectives are set up by each organization. In the spring, the secretary collects the reports of accomplishments and makes a combined report to Miss Freida Koontz, the state secretary of the Virginia Student Cooperative Association at Richmond, Virginia. Miss Koontz has awarded Axton High School the S. C. A. banner for high standard work 13 successive years.

This year the vice-president of the Danville District S. C. A. is James Wagner of Axton. The Axton High S. C. A. entertained the Danville District S. C. A. on April 27. The delegates from various schools arrived at 10 o'clock and were met by the Axton Boy Scouts. They were shown to the library where registration took place. An enjoyable program which had been arranged by Mr. Jack B. Rennick, program director, of Spencer Penn, was presented in the Axton auditorium. This was followed by group discussions. Many Axton students participated in the forum discussions. The Axton cafeteria and snack shop served lunch to the visitors. The association adjourned at 2 o'clock.

Twelve Axton S.C.A. members represented District IV at the V.H.L. meeting at University of Virginia, May 3-4. Most of them rated superior. "The Axtonian", entered in 1945, rated distinguished.

NATIONAL SERVICE

National service was carried out this year through the home room organizations. Mrs. P. H. Barker, librarian, was chairman of the bonds and stamp sale and Russian relief. From the booth in the library \$367.50 in stamps and bonds was sold. The collection for Russia consisted of 515 pieces of clothing and 21 pairs of shoes.

During the U. S. O. drive in September, the teachers with the aid of some students canvassed the community and raised \$206.50.

In October, Supt. J. F. Hollifield declared a holiday for the Victory Bond Drive. Students from the fifth through the eleventh grade visited homes of citizens and secured pledges for Victory Bond purchases to the amount of \$4,710.70. Awards were made in each home room to students obtaining highest pledged amount as follows: 5th grade, Larry Holley; 6th, Daphe Newton; 6th and 7th, Jean Moxley; 7th, Madelaine Grigsby; 8th, Margie Grant and Louise Gregory; 9th, Irene Barrow; 10th, L. C. Hankins; and 11th, Doris Elliott.

The Junior Red Cross has continued this year under direction of Mrs. Mary Bryan who has worked with her committee, Dorothy Dillon, Dillard Gravely, Irene Barrow, and Mary Carter. \$40.58 was collected in the fall. The school has 100 per cent membership. Gift boxes were filled and sent service men in Camp Pickett for Christmas.

Miss Sallie Lumsden, working with her committee Rosalie West, Louise Gauldin, and Sherleen Rogers, has collected through the homerooms \$15 from T. B. bangles for tuberculosis fund, \$56 from the "March of Dimes" for infantile paralysis, \$31.55 for Senior Red Cross, and \$28.05 for the Patrick Henry Memorial.



BOYS' BASEBALL TEAMS

Team A.....Marvin Kendall (Captain)
 Team B.....Henry Eggleston (Captain)
 Coach.....Mr. H. L. Saville

Top Row: Mr. H. L. Saville (Coach), Wilson (B-S.S.)

Second Row: Kendall (A-C.), Wells (A-L.F.), Lawrence, C. (A-3 B.)

Third Row: Gravely, G. (B-2 B.), McDaniel (A-1 B.), Agee (A-S.S.), Cole (B-C.)

Bottom Row: Hankins, J. (B-P.), Toler (B-R.F.), Jones (A-C.F.),
 Lawrence, B. (A-2 B.)

Absent: Compton (A-R.F.), Eggleston (B-3 B.), Carter (B-C.F.), Barker (A-P.),
 Hankins, L. C. (B-S.S.), Woodall (B-R.F.)

SCHEDULE

INTRA-MURAL

March 8	.	.	.	.	A 4	B 1
March 12	.	.	.	.	A 2	B 6
March 13	.	.	.	.	A 3	B 0
March 18	.	.	.	.	A 6	B 2
March 25	.	.	.	.	A 2	B 4
March 26	.	.	.	.	A 0	B 0
March 27	.	.	.	.	A 8	B 0
March 28	.	.	.	.	A 3	B 6

Champion Team: A 4:3

INTER-SCHOOL

April 9	Bassett	13	Axton	2
April 16	Ridgeway	5	Axton	9
April 30	Spencer	11	Axton	19
May 3	Axton	9	Ridgeway	5
May 7	Fieldale	28	Axton	15
May 10	Axton	1	Fieldale	18
May 14	Axton	—	Spencer	—
May 16	Axton	8	Bassett	10

Champion of Class D
 Schools: Axton

T H E A X T O N I A N



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS

Team M.....Mabel Earles (Captain)
Team L.....Louise Davis (Captain)
Coaches.....Mrs. Hairfield and Miss Clarke

(left to right)

Top Row: Hairfield (Coach), Hall (M-G), Wyatt (L-F), Holland, Mildred (M-F),
Brown (M-F), Manning (M-F), Davis (L-F), Holland, V. (L-G), Clarke (Coach)

Second Row: Gregory (L-G), Holland, Martha (L-G), Martin (M-F), Sawyers (M-F),
Moss (M-G), Earles (M-F)

Bottom Row: Carter (M-G), Craig (M-F), Barrow (L-G), Watkins (L-G),
Wingfield (L-G)

SCHEDULE

March 6.....	M. 26; L. 24	April 1.....	M. 21; L. 26
March 13.....	M. 36; L. 19	April 2.....	M. 25; L. 11
March 25.....	M. 25; L. 21	April 4.....	M. 32; L. 18
March 26.....	M. 24; L. 18	April 10.....	M. 20; L. 22
March 27.....	M. 22; L. 24		

Champions: Team M, 6:3.



BOY'S CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAM

(left to right)

Standing: Mrs. P. H. Barker, Jr. (Coach), Jones (R.F.), Wagner (C.), Gilley (R.G.)

Seated: Stultz (L.G.), Gravely (L.F.)

SCHEDULE

March 27	A 8	B 10	April 9	A 20	B 7
March 29	A 18	B 4	April 17	A 10	B 4
April 1	A 12	B 6	April 19	A 14	B 13
April 3	A 21	B 8	May 9	A 6	B 12

Champions: Team A, 6:2

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GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Coach: NORVELL

Martins:

McNeeley
Wray
Wilson
Eggleson
Overton, Louise
Robertson
Martin (absent)

Cardinals:

Johnston
Jefferson
Hankins
Compton
Wishon
Ashby
Crowder

Dillon—*Captains*—Overton, Lucille

SCHEDULE

Oct. 24	M 25	C 24	Apr. 1	M 29	C 36
Oct. 25	M 33	C 28	Apr. 2	M 35	C 18
Oct. 30	M 13	C 22	Apr. 9	M 23	C 21
Oct. 31	M 32	C 15	Apr. 11	M 30	C 19
Nov. 2	M 37	C 17	Apr. 17	M 26	C 17
Nov. 5	M 28	C 26	Apr. 22	M 26	C 21
Nov. 6	M 27	C 28	May 6	M 21	C 22
Nov. 7	M 7	C 16	May 7	M 17	C 23
Nov. 26	M 11	C 35	May 10	M 33	C 21
Feb. 22	M 15	C 28	May 13	M 31	C 43
Feb. 24	M 38	C 19	May 15	M 35	C 22
Mar. 18	M 27	C 26	May 21	M 37	C 16
Mar. 27	M 36	C 16			

Champions: Martins: 16:9



BOYS' SOFTBALL TEAMS

Tigers.....Norman Cassada (Captain)
 Cubs.....Charles Manning (Captain)
 Coach.....Mrs. P. H. Barker, Jr.

(left to right)

Top Row: Gravely (C-1 B.), Haley (C-B.C.), Mrs. Barker (coach),
 Jones (T.P.), Wagner (C-P.)

Second Row: Elliott (T-B.C.), Wells (T-2 B.), Burgess (T-3 B.),
 Eggleston (C-R.F.), Starling (T-C.F.)

Third Row: Burton (C-C.F.), Barker, L. (C-L.F.), Wright (C-S.S.),
 Wilson (C-3 B.), Gilley (T-1 B.)

Bottom Row: Barker, R. J. (C-R.F.), Pendleton (T-R.F.), Cassada (T-S.S.), Manning
 (C-1 B.), Stultz (C-2 B.), Wilson (T-L.F.)

SCHEDULE

October 15 . . .	T 5	C 3	November 8 . . .	T 5	C 7
October 28 . . .	T 2	C 4	November 15 . . .	T 11	C 3
October 31 . . .	T 15	C 3	November 30 . . .	T 8	C 2
November 5 . . .	T 4	C 4	December 8 . . .	T 9	C 14

Champions: Tigers, 4:3

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GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAMS

Coach: BRYAN

Bears:

Newton
Ashby
McGuire
Barker
McDaniel
Starling
Gillespie
Elliott
Captain, Burchell

Tigers:

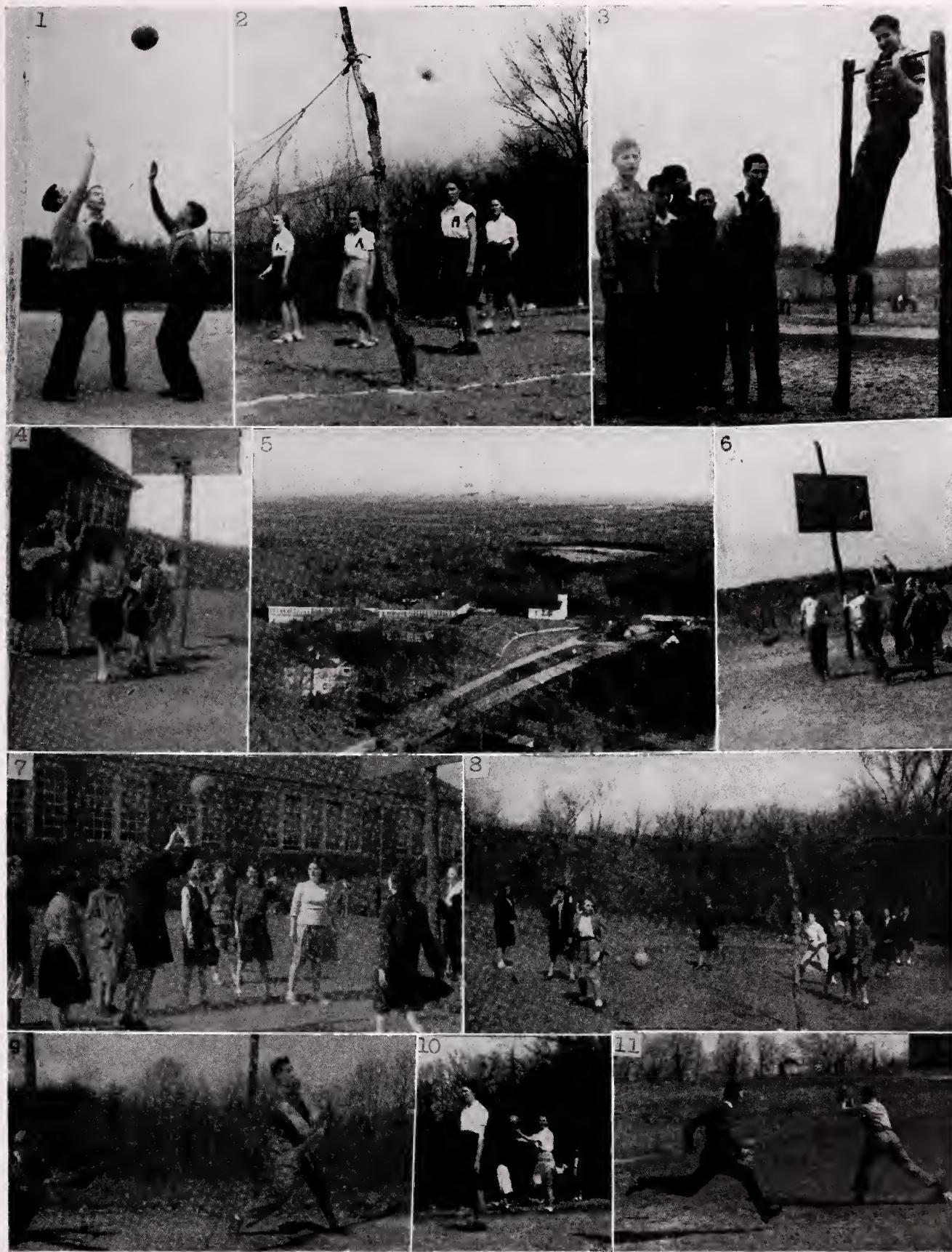
Slaughter
Scearce
Matthews
Riddle
Burnette, B.
Burnette, R.
McMillan
Patterson
Captain, Wyatt

SCHEDULE

April 15	B 13	T 10	April 29	B 27	T 17
April 19	B 16	T 5	May 3	B 7	T 11
April 22	B 20	T 6	May 6	B 8	T 6
April 13	B 13	T 12	May 12	B 12	T 7

Champions: Bears, 7:1

Outdoors



KEY TO "OUTDOORS" (left to right)—(1) Jumping for ball: C. Jones, Starling, Elliott. (2) Cardinals ready for volleyball. (3) Group watching Gravely's chinning. (4) Earles guarding Wyatt. (5) Airplane view of school by Norton. (6) A toss for the basket. (7) Coach Hairfield showing them how. (8) Net ball causing pause in game. (9) Barker in bat. (10) Captain Dillon ready to put one over. (11) Lawrence on the run.

Snap Shots



KEY TO SNAPSHOTS—(1) Active playing. (2) Chasing for the ball. (3, 4, 5) Battles in the snow. (6) Watching the game. (7) Junior Choral Club. (8) Motley (winner of watch in magazine contest), K. Rogers, B. Jones, C. Earles and B. Winn. (9) Mr. Russel Davis, who brings special deliveries from the post office. (10) Barker and Hankins, our ex-service men. (11) A jolly bunch. (12) Mr. Saville, crowning V. Holland, Victory Queen. (13) Miss Clarke, giving history lecture. (14) Scene from bus. (15) C. Matthews, sorry she left school in junior year. (16) Mrs. Barker, Haley and Burgess waiting for the game to start. (17) Leaders in physical drill: Wilson, McDaniel, Agee and Wagner. (18) "Won't you have some pop corn?"

Activities of Elementary School





ELEMENTARY FACULTY

(left to right)

Top Row:

Mrs. Nellie Haley.....	Sixth and Seventh Grades
Miss Ethel Wright.....	Fourth Grade
Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell.....	Third and Fourth Grades
Mrs. Mamie Hawley.....	First and Second Grades
Mrs. Broaddus Gravely.....	Second Grade
Miss Sally Lumsden.....	Seventh Grade
Mrs. P. H. Barker, Jr.....	Seventh Grade English

Bottom Row:

Mrs. Georgia Woodall.....	First Grade
Mrs. Doris B. Wall.....	Third Grade
Mrs. Lucille West.....	Fifth Grade
Mrs. Fannie Hairfield.....	Sixth Grade

ACTIVITIES OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (former page)

GLIMPSES WITH A CAMERA—by Varley Norton, former student from the navy: (1) Mrs. Woodall teaching reading to primary children: (left) Herbert Davis and Adah Brown, (rt.) Bud Nester and Muriel McGuire. (2) At the reading table, grade 2: (left to rt.) Virginia Guthrie, Joanne Diuguid, Douglas Lawrence and Ellen Wilson. (3) Mrs. Hawley teaching writing. (4) Mrs. Wall directing grade three at study. (5) A flax unit, grade four: (left to rt.) Donald Joyce, Wenonah McVay and Janice Wyatt. (6) Mrs. Mitchell teaching geography to (left to rt.): Ernestine Flippin, Clarence Ashby, and Roslyn Lawrence. (7) "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?" L. C. Earles and Rosalie West. (8) Miss Wright conducting a reading lesson. (9) Tracing air route to Russia: (left to rt.) Margaret Carter, Shirleen Rogers, Hal Prilliman, Bettie Jones, Hazel Riddle. (10) Studying the Bill of Rights: John Wilson, Claybrook Gilley, Ellen Walls, Bobby Walls, Nolen Byrd, Martha Gravely and (c) Joe Hawley.

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SEVENTH GRADE

ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Joe Hawley, Douglas Manning, Harold Burton, Paul Norton, Fred Garrett

Second Row: Claybrook Gilley, Bobby Eanes, Junior Holland, Marshall Kendall,
Marion Flannagan, Judson Eggleston, John Wilson

Third Row: Edna Agee, Earline Lankford, Iva Riddle, Madelyn Grisbey, Mazie Robertson, Bertha Clark, Ellen Walls

Fourth Row: Stella Crowder, Frances Barrow, Louise Gauldin, Doris Crowder, Helen Talbert, Helen Barrow, Mae Bird Kendrick, Jean Moxley

Fifth Row: Marilyn Wilson, Clara Wilson, Margaret Anderson, Betty Jones, Ruby Harbour, Margaret Carter, Cora Earles, Sherleen Rodgers, Martha Gravely

Sixth Row: L. C. Earles, Mary Belle Durham, Euna Lee Martin, Hazel Riddle, June Motley, Barbara Winn, Iris Bowles, Helen Carter, Kitty Rodgers, Virginia Eanes, Hal Prillaman, Kenneth Johnson

Seventh Row: Johnny Holley, Billy Durham, Ray Barker, Noel Byrd, Richard Eanes,
James Wilson, Don Mays, Jack Wilson, Tommy Jones, Elmer Vaughn

Absent: Margaret Miller, Rosalie West, Fannie Minter, Gladys Nester, Bobby Walls,
Bobby Joyce, Landon Riddle, Loraine Kidd, Emily Whitefield,
Raymond McMillan, Reeves Johnston



SIXTH GRADE

Sponsor Mrs. Fannie Hairfield

ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Milton Wray, Burton Eanes

Second Row: Everette Bowles, James Burchell, Dennis Marlowe, Nelson Eanes,
Morris Harrell

Third Row: Tom Martin, Roy Brown, Neal Gauldin, Harvey Watkins, Willard Barker,
Maxwell Kendall, Bobby Starling, Tommy Dickinson, Edgar Still

Fourth Row: Irene Barker, Sallie Higgs, Arline Tucker, Kathleen Higgs, Mrs. Fannie
Hairfield, Violet McNeely

Fifth Row: Audrey Hall, Doris Slaughter, Barbara Jean Patterson, Ilene Barker,
Louise Lavender

Sixth Row: Barbara Pace, Margaret Jones, Lucy Wells, Daphne Newton, Dorothy
Burton, Barbara Ann Matthews, Dorothy Harris, Frances Holland

Seventh Row: Vera McGuire, Nancy Garrett, Nancy Clarke Gilley, Josephine Howerton,
Doris Garrett, Louella Lawthorne, Doris Earles

Absent: Thomas Overton, Jessie Allen



FIFTH GRADE

Sponsor Mrs. Lucille West (top)

ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Doyle Carter, Albert Compton, Mrs. West, Victor Flannagan, Billy Robertson

Second Row: David Wyatt, Paul Agee, Paul Brooks, Jack Richardson, Cecil McDonald, Jr., Shirley Davis

Third Row: William Prillaman, Ima Joe Moore, Margaret Moore, Lorene Wyatt, Dolly Rumley, Betty Lou Manning, Sarah Still

Fourth Row: Frank Payne, Don McDaniel, Larry Holley, Frankie Roach, Betty Durham, Dorothy Dickinson

Fifth Row: Vance Pendleton, Melvin Hankins, Gloria Ann Ashby, Janet Prillaman, Lorene McBride

Sixth Row: Gladys Gravely, Virginia Anderson, Erva Mae Kidd, Mary Starling

Bottom Row: Harry Young, Loyd Walls, Marshall Garrett, William Carter

Absent: Raleigh Robertson, Jessie Gauldin, Lois Hairfield, Elmer Bennett, Jeanette Ferris, William McMillian

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FOURTH GRADE

ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Annie Mae Barker, Joe Pruitt, Andrew Brown, Herbert Roach, Calvin Barker, James Barrow, Clifton Clark, Lois Mabes

Second Row: John Wilson, Marvin McDaniel, Martin Wilson, George Wingfield, Estelle Huff, Shirley Ann McNeely, Marie Fallin, Billie Jean Jarrett

Third Row: Mitchell Minter, Reid Barker, Carl Matthews, Annie Mae Glidewell, Christine Nester, Ernestine Flippin, Ruby Guthrie, Eunice McDaniel

Fourth Row: Clarence Ashby, Joe Hankins, David Law, Leonard Motley, Juanita Hankins, Evelyn Wilson, Bobby Carter, Wayne Minter

Fifth Row: Lois Prillaman, Wilma Hall, Helen Lawrence, Kay Thompson, Ann Patterson, Evadell Flannagan, Betty Jean Carter, Abbie Gauldin

Bottom Row: Donald Joyce, Dorothy Joyce, Janice Wyatt, Leonard Wyatt, Nellie Wingfield, Wenonah McVay, Ronald Howard, Rosalyn Lawrence, Ethel Brown, Ronald Jones

Absent: Marshall Gregory, Barbara Jean Carter, Nancy Billings, Douglas Barker

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THIRD GRADE

ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Ray Davis, James Overton, Irvin Allen, Oscar Barker, Arthur Wright,
Grover Barker, Jackie Crowder, Jimmie Brooks

Second Row: Otis Johnston, Wilford Harris, Garland Slaughter, Mary Overton, Florence Wishon, Irene Higgs, Edna Wilson, Joseph McMillion

Third Row: J. C. Webster, J. C. Martin, Owen Dickinson, Jr., Mary Wilson, Geneva Jones, Louis McDonald, Jason Carter

Fourth Row: Philip Winn, Junior Ferris, George Earles, Jr., Naomi Barrow, Rachel Eanes, Lucille Harbour, Edna Harris

Fifth Row: Carolyn Moran, Mary Kendall, Kate Marshall, Barbara Moore, Agnes Fallin, Nancy Jones, Janet Marlowe, Nancy McBride, Clair Rogers

Sixth Row: Roberta Barker, Peggy Harris, Evelyn Pruitt, Jerry Prilliman, Louis Jones, Waynes Brown, Thomas McGuire, Betty Payne, Alline Clark

Bottom Row: James McGuire, Venable Carrington, Jr., Leon Smith, Charles McGuire, Dean Lynch, Nancy Earles, Margaret Riddle, Elizabeth Walls, Lucille Barker

Absent: Anne Richardson, Louise Wilson, Jack Holland, III, Leon McMillion, Clay Wilson, Otha Taylor, Violet Barker

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SECOND GRADE

ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Jerry Holley, Douglas Lawrence, Irvin Hairfield, Leonard Eanes, Harold Taylor, Neal Minter, Junior Barker, Robert Thornton

Second Row: Doris Patterson, Jack Agee, Edna Wilson, Glenda Roach, Janie Wilson,
Arlene Wells, Peggy Earles, Nancy Wilson

Third Row: Donald Ashby, Shirley Wilson, Joanne Diuguid, Barbara Manning, Robert Overton, Jewell Gillispie, William Murphy

Fourth Row: Jean Hankins, Jack Billings, Junior Roach, Wilburne Thomas, Bobbie Wilson, Doris McGuire

Fifth Row: Bunnie Wilson, Katherine Bailey, Annie Harris, Virginia Guthrie, Betty Kidd, Janie Bowles, Dorothy Wilson, Maryline Haley, Claude Wilson

Sixth Row: Vernell Cassada, Myrtleen Minter, Capatola Gauldin, Freddie Mason,
Edward Wilson, Tommy Eanes, Harold McGuire, Lessie Bennett

Bottom Row: Walter Watkins, Margie Flippin, Shirley Johnston, Helen Gravely,
Nancy McGuire, Fern Knight, James Harris

Absent: James Hairfield, Eugene Eanes, Eddie Wyatt, Marie Parrish, Ernest Wilson, Bertha Glidewell

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FIRST GRADE

ROLL (left to right)

Top Row: Melvin Martin, Herbert Davis, James Oakes, Melvin Bray, Clayton Wright,
Lewis Agee

Second Row: Mattie Barker, Wayne Garrett, McDaniel Wingfield, Muriel McGuire,
Harry Barker, Edwin Hall, George Huff, Virginia Barker

Third Row: Eveadell Harbour, Nancy Lawrence, Ramona Hankins, Sarah Lynch,
June Harris, Shirley Barker

Fourth Row: Ada Moore, Buddie Rogers, Billy McBride, Wayne Barrow, Roosevelt
Compton, Loretta Barker

Fifth Row: Carol Ashby, Irene Clark, Gene Young, Larry Barker, Billy McNeely,
Ada Brown, Frances Still

Sixth Row: General Jackson Nester, Louise Wilson, Wayne Minter, Polly Davis, Janet Motley, Josetta Harris, Julia McGuire, Bernice Bray

Seventh Row: Janet McDonald, Patsy Roach, Dorothy Lawrence, Martha Ashby, Billy Norman, Roy Kallam, Shirley Lovell

Bottom Row: Danny Moran, Donnie Haley, Luther Slaughter, Ann Pruitt, Alice Walls,
Billy Wilson, Richard Hodges, Nancy Bowles, Ronnie Overton

Absent: Billy Oakes, Cecil Richardson, Joey Scales, Frances Roark, Edna Roark, Catherine Manning, James Glidewell, Doris Glidewell

Through the Year '45-'46

SEPTEMBER: 6—Matriculation and physical examinations. 7—First classes, 8—Watermelon feast at Joanne Craig's. 12—Class '46 elects officers. 14—Old friends, Rev. Hutton, Scott and Edger, return for assembly. 18—First home room assembly by seniors. 19—James Wagner at Blacksburg representing F. F. A. 20—Axtonian staff organized. 27—S. C. A. officers elected. 28—Tickets distributed for Danville Fair.

OCTOBER: 1—F. F. A. boys and H. E. girls work on exhibits for Danville Fair. 4—Magazine sale starts. 8—Danville Fair over; blue Monday. 9—P. T. A., forum discussion, "Situation in China," by seniors. 14—Marvin Kendall in hospital. 15—Magazine sale over top with June Motley highest salesman. 16—Home Ec. Club girls give tea to seniors and faculty. 19—Bo Bo and his magic show. 26—Juniors give intelligence test in assembly. 29—National Zoological Society show birds and animals.

NOVEMBER: 1—Mrs. O. W. Hairfield again teaching mathematics. 14—Seniors start play practice. 15—"Wonders of Glass," Roth show. 16—Assembly program, "How We Should Celebrate Thanksgiving" by sixth grade. 22-25—Thanksgiving holidays.

DECEMBER: 7—Senior play, "Don't Take My Penny." 11—P. T. A. program by sixth grade. 13—Assembly program, "Christmas Gold" by sophomores. 14—Father-Son Banquet. 20—Snow and more snow! 21—School closes for "White Christmas" after assembly, "Dickens' Christmas Carol" with music by freshmen.

JANUARY: 7—Everyone cheerful after long Christmas holiday. 11—Senior Wells deferred from military service. 14-22—Review for exams. 23-25—My, my, these exams! 28—Seniors rated. 31—Hollywood impersonations by high school students.

FEBRUARY: 4—Jack Raynor with his reptiles. 8—Juniors give P. T. A. program. 12—Motion pictures on Abe Lincoln in assembly. 13—Choral club starts. 14—Virginia Holland in hospital. 22—Six seniors debate compulsory military training in assembly; affirmative wins. 26—Pictures made for annual.

MARCH: 5—"Taming of the Shrew" by Jack Rank. 7—Forest-fire fighters put out fire! 8—Assembly program, "National Red Cross," by home nursing group. 11—Low deportment grades—sad faces. 15—Assembly, "St. Patrick and Ireland" by freshmen. 19—Former student, Varley Norton from navy, takes snapshots for the annual. 21—Rev. Hawley and choral group hold assembly. 22—Seniors Eggleston and Burgess go to Roanoke to be examined for service. 23—Mr. Charles Carrington's technicolor on flowers at P. T. A. 28—Assembly, "Early Virginia" by seventh grade.

APRIL: 1—Annual goes to press. 2—Senior and junior boys plant one thousand pines. 3—Tournament game of girls' basketball witnessed. 9—Baseball season opens with game, Bassett at Axton. 10—P. T. A. program, "Easter Parade" by third and fourth grades. 19—1945 graduates home from college, visit alma mater. 22—Easter Monday holiday. 23—Local V.H.S.L. contests. 25—Tri-County F.F.A. Federation contests at Axton. 27—Danville District S. C. A. at Axton and District E Latin Tournament at Stratford College, Danville. 29—Graduation invitations arrive. 30—Seniors entertained at DuPont plant.

MAY: 3-4—Thirteen at V.H.S.L. meeting at University of Virginia. 4—P.T.A. program by first and second grades. 8—Esso movie, "West Virginia". 9—Freshmen dedicate chapel program to seniors. 16—Another ovation to seniors by sophomores. 17—Juniors entertain seniors at picnic. 25—Rings, rings for happy juniors! 26—Mrs. Turner's music recital. 28—Faculty honor Mr. and Mrs. Saville with picnic. 29-31—Examinations.

JUNE: 2—Seniors listen to baccalaureate. 3—Class night and graduation.

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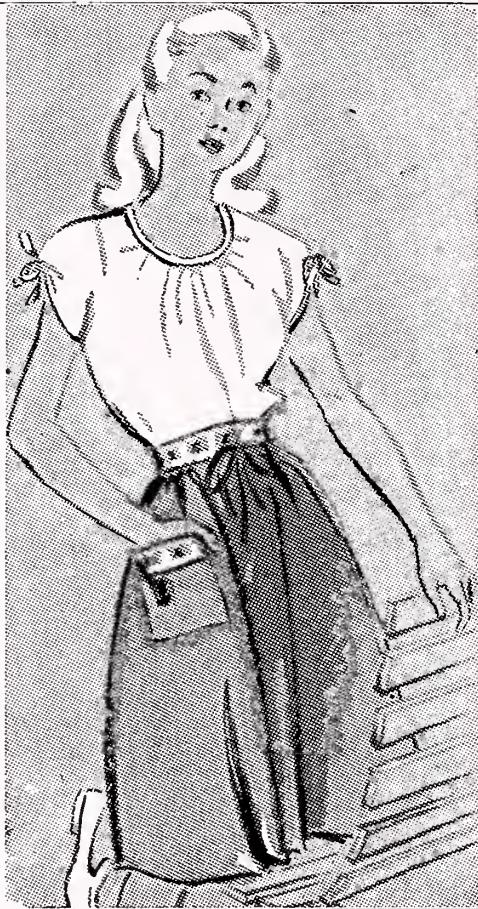
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